

PHARMACY BOARD[657]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 124.301 and 147.76, the Board of Pharmacy hereby amends Chapter 6, “General Pharmacy Practice,” Chapter 8, “Universal Practice Standards,” Chapter 9, “Automated Medication Distribution Systems and Telepharmacy Services,” Chapter 10, “Controlled Substances,” and Chapter 21, “Electronic Data in Pharmacy Practice,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendments require that any prescription transmitted via facsimile to a pharmacy and any electronic record maintained by a pharmacy must be clear, legible records or images of the original prescription or record. The amendments are intended to ensure that the electronic transmission or scanning of a prescription or record that was prepared in hard copy utilizing paper that includes security features, such as the appearance of a “void” message upon copying or scanning, is not rendered illegible or obscured as a result of those security features. The amendments also require that certain prescriptions for Schedule II controlled substances, if transmitted by the prescriber’s agent, identify the agent by name and title. The identification of the transmitting agent by name and title is currently required on the transmission of prescriptions for noncontrolled substances and for Schedule III, IV, and V controlled substances.

Requests for waiver or variance of the discretionary provisions of these rules will be considered pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the December 31, 2008, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 7448B**. The adopted amendments are identical to those published under Notice. The Board received written comments from the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, on behalf of the Association’s member pharmacies, regarding the proposed amendments. Comments suggested amending the provisions relating to identification of the prescriber’s agent who transmits a prescription for a Schedule II controlled substance, specifically suggesting that the record of the prescription include the name and title of the transmitting agent if that information is provided with the prescription.

The amendments were approved during the February 17, 2009, meeting of the Board of Pharmacy.

These amendments will become effective on April 15, 2009.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 124.301, 124.306, 124.308, 155A.27, and 155A.35.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these amendments [6.16(4), 8.15(1), 9.18(7), 10.22(2), 21.7(3)“c,” 21.9, 21.12, 21.14 to 21.16] is being omitted. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 7448B**, IAB 12/31/08.

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